

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-006CON3 (previously 6245/172)
	Confirmation No.	9681
	First Named Inventor	Taylor
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	Group Art Unit	3773
	Examiner Name	Bui, Vy Q.
	Title	Access Platform for Internal Mammary Dissection

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 26, 2008 for which a one-month period for response was given making this response due on or before October 27, 2008 (October 26, 2008 being a Sunday).

THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Official Action dated September 26, 2008, the Examiner required an election of one of the following species that the Examiner identified:

- Species 1: Fig. 1.
- Species 2: Fig. 13
- Species 3: Fig. 16.
- Species 4: Fig. 18.
- Species 5: Fig. 19.
- Species 6: Fig. 22.
- Species 7: Fig. 23.
- Species 8: Fig. 25.
- Species 9: Fig. 26.
- Species 10: Fig. 27.
- Species 11: Fig. 28.
- Species 12: Fig. 29.
- Species 13: Fig. 30.
- Species 14: Fig. 31.
- Species 15: Fig. 33.

Species 16: Fig. 39.
Species 17: Fig. 40.
Species 18: Fig. 41.
Species 19: Fig. 48.
Species 20: Fig. 49.
Species 21: Fig. 53.
Species 22: Fig. 57.
Species 23: Fig. 60.
Species 24: Fig. 61.
Species 25: Fig. 62.
Species 26: Fig. 63.
Species 27: Fig. 64.
Species 28: Fig. 65.
Species 29: Fig. 66.

The Examiner required election of one of the above-listed inventions to be responsive to the Office Action.

RESPONSE

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Species 15, Fig. 33, claims 115-119 and 122-123, without traverse.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that a proper response has been made to the Restriction Requirement, and that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2653, order number GUID-006CON3.

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